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YARN

Rowan Milk Cotton DK 1 x 50g
Small amount of same yarn in contrast colour for neck tie and embroidery (photographed in Humsbugs 084 with embroidery in Scented Satin 088)

NEEDLES

1 pair 3.25mm (no 10) (US 3) needles

EXTRAS

Washable toy filling

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm measured over st st using 3.25mm (US 3) needles.

FINISHED SIZE

Completed toy is approx 28cm (11ins) tall.

BACK AND FRONT (BOTH ALIKE)

First leg

Using 3.25mm (US 3) needles cast on 7 sts. Beg with a K row, work in st st throughout as folls:

Work 1 row, ending with WS facing for next row. Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, then at beg of foll row. 12 sts.

Work 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Inc 1 st at beg of next and 4 foll 4th rows and at same time dec 1 st at end of 7th and 2 foll 4th rows. 14 sts.

Inc 1 st at end of next row, ending with RS facing for next row. 15 sts.

Break yarn and leave sts on a holder.

Second leg

Using 3.25mm (US 3) needles cast on 7 sts. Beg with a K row, work in st st throughout as folls:

Work 1 row, ending with WS facing for next row. Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, then at end of foll row. 12 sts.

Work 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Inc 1 st at end of next and 4 foll 4th rows and at same time dec 1 st at beg of 7th and 2 foll 4th rows. 14 sts.

Inc 1 st at beg of next row, ending with RS facing for next row. 15 sts.

Join legs

Row 25 (RS): Work across sts of second leg as folls: K2tog, K12, inc in last st, now work across sts of first leg as folls: inc in first st, K12, K2tog. 30 sts.

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 4th row. 26 sts.

Work 15 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape arms

Cast on 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 10 sts at beg of foll 2 rows. 60 sts.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. 64 sts. Work 6 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows. 60 sts.

Cast off 12 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 10 sts at beg of foll

2 rows. 16 sts. Work 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape head

Inc 1 st at each end of next 4 rows, then on foll alt row, then on foll 4th row. 28 sts.

Work 5 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Inc 1 st at each end of next 4 rows. 36 sts. Work 4 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Shape top of first ear

Next row (WS): P9, P2tog and turn.

Work on these 10 sts only for top of first ear.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

Shape top of head

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts and cont as folls:

Next row (WS): P2tog, P10, P2tog and turn.

Work on these 12 sts only for top of head.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 8 sts.

Shape top of second ear

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts and cont as folls:

Next row (WS): P2tog, P9.

Work on these 10 sts only for top of second ear.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

MAKING UP

Press.

Pressing

Block out each piece of knitting and following the instructions on the ball band press the garment pieces, omitting the rib.

Tip: Take special care to press the edges as this will make sewing up easier and neater. If the ball band indicates that the fabric is not to be pressed, then covering the blocked out fabric with a damp white cotton cloth and leaving it to stand will do the desired affect.

Join back to front along entire outer edge, leaving an opening to insert toy filling.

Insert toy filling and sew opening closed.

Using photograph as a guide and contrast yarn, embroider face onto front, and a 'V' onto each ear. Using contrast yarn, make a plait approx 40cm long, knotting ends to form tiny tassels.

Tie plait in a bow around neck. ●





Rosie Pig by Janice Anderson

YARN

Rowan Purelife Organic Cotton DK

A Indigo 994	2 x	50g
B Natural 986	1 x	50g
C Brazilwood 982	1 x	50g
D Oak Apple 990	1 x	50g
Rowan Purelife Organic Cotton 4ply		
E Yellowwood 784	1 x	50g

NEEDLES

- 1 pair 3.25mm (no 10) (US 3) needles
1 pair 2.25mm (no 13) (US 1) needles

EXTRAS

Washable toy stuffing, 2 black beads for eyes.

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm measured over st st using 3.25mm (US 3) needles and yarn A.

BODY

Using 3.25mm (US3) needles and yarn A cast on 98 sts.

Beg with a K row, work 14 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 15 (RS): K6, (K2tog, K10) 7 times, K2tog, K6, 90 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 21 (RS): K6, (K2tog, K9) 7 times, K2tog, K5, 82 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 27 (RS): K5, (K2tog, K8) 7 times, K2tog, K5, 74 sts.

Beg with a P row work 5 rows in st st ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 33 (RS): Cast off 6 sts, K until there are

8 sts on right needle, *(K2tog, K7) 6 times, K2tog, K4, 61 sts.
Row 34: Cast off 5 sts, P to end, 56 sts.
Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll alt row, 52 sts.
Work 1 row.
Row 39 (RS): K2togtbl, K3, (K2tog, K6) 5 times, K2tog, K3 K2tog, 44 sts.
Work 1 row.
Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll alt row, 40 sts.
Work 1 row.

Row 45 (RS): K2tog, slip this st back to LH needle then pass 2nd st on LH needle over st just worked, slip this st back onto RH needle, (K5, K2tog) 5 times, K2, K2tog, pass 2nd st on RH needle over st just worked, 31 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 51 (RS): (K4, K2tog) 5 times, K1, 26 sts.
Beg with a P row, work 3 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 55 (RS): (K3, K2tog) 5 times, K1, 21 sts.
Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 61 (RS): (K2, K2tog) 5 times, K1, 16 sts.
Row 62: Cast off 4 sts, P to end, 12 sts.

Row 63 (RS): Cast off 4 sts, K to end.
Cast off rem 8 sts.

BASE

With RS of body facing, 3/4mm (US3) needles and yarn A, pick up and knit 97 sts along cast on edge.

Row 1: Purl, dec 2 sts evenly across row, 95 sts.

Row 2: * sl 1, K1, pssso, K6, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog, K6, K2tog, rep from * to last 11 sts, sl 1, K1, pssso, K6, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, 77 sts.

Row 3 and every foll alt row: Purl.

Rows 4, 8, 12 and 16: Knit.

Row 6: * sl 1, K1, pssso, K4, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog, K4, K2tog, rep from * to last 11 sts, sl 1, K1, pssso, K4, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, 59 sts.

Row 10: * sl 1, K1, pssso, K2, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog, rep from * to last 7 sts, sl 1, K1, pssso, K2, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, 41 sts.

Row 14: * sl 1, K1, pssso, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog, K2tog, rep from * to last 5 sts, sl 1, K1, pssso, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, 23 sts.

Row 18: * sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, K2tog, rep from * to last 3 sts, sl 1, K1, pssso, K1, 14 sts.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail.
Thread yarn through rem sts.

SNOUT

With yarn A, 3/4mm (US 3) needles and RS facing, pick up and knit 36 sts from right side edge up slope, 14 sts across back and 35 sts down left side slope. (see diagram 1). 85 sts.

Starting with a P row, work 4 rows in st st.

Row 5 (WS): P2, (P2tog, P6) 10 times, P2tog, P1, 74 sts.

Row 6: K3, (K2tog, K4) 11 times, K2tog, K3, 62 sts.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: (K2tog, K3) 12 times, K2tog, 49 sts.
Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: (K2tog, K2) 11 times, K2tog, K3, 37 sts.

Row 11 to 14: Purl every row.

Row 15: P4, P2tog, P to last 6 sts, P2tog, P4, 35 sts.

Row 16: Purl.
Cast off rem sts.

NOSE

With 3.25mm (US 3) needles and yarn C, cast on 3 sts and follow Chart 1 working in st st. Swiss dam over sts marked using yarn D.

EARS

With 3.25mm (US3) needles and yarn A, follow Chart 2 & 3 working in st st to make left and right ears.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

With 3.25mm (US3) needles and yarn D, cast on 27 sts.

Row 1(RS): Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Join in yarn A and using the intarsia technique described on page 18, proceed as follows:

Row 3: P7 using yarn A, P13 using yarn D, P7 using yarn A.

Row 4: P7 using yarn A, P6 using yarn D, P1 using yarn A, P6 using yarn D, P7 using yarn A.

Row 5: (K5 sl 1, K1, pssso, K2) using yarn A, K3 using yarn D, K3 using yarn A, K3 using yarn D, (K2, K2tog, K5) using yarn A, 25 sts.
Begin with a P row, work 7 rows in st st ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 13 (RS): K6, sl 1, K1, pssso, K9, K2tog, K6, 23 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 5 rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 19: K6, sl 1, K1, pssso, K7, K2tog, K6, 21 sts.

Beg with a P row, work 3 sts in st st ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off.

SOLE OF HOOF (MAKE 2)

With yarn D only and working in rev st st follow Chart 1.

TAIL

With 3.25mm (US 3) double pointed needles and yarn A, cast on 9 sts.

Rows 1 to 4: Starting with a knit row, work in st st.

Row 5: K2, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K2, 7 sts.

Row 6 to 8: work in st st.

Row 9: K3, K2tog, K2, 6 sts.

Rows 10 to 14: work in st st.

Row 15: K2, K2tog, K2, 5 sts.

Rows 16 to 20: work in st st.

Row 21: K1, K2tog, K2, 4 sts.

Rows 22 to 34: Work an "I-cord" in st st.

Row 35: K1, K2tog, K1, 3 sts.

Instructions

Rows 36 to 40: work in st st.

Row 41: K2tog, K1, 2 sts.

Rows 42 to 44: work in st st.

Row 45: K2tog, thread working yarn through rem st.

FLOWER

Centre

With 3.25mm (US 3) needles and yarn C, follow Chart 4 working in st st.

Petals - (make 6)

With 3.25mm (US 3) needles and yarn B, follow Chart 5.

PATCH

Using 2.25mm (US 1) needles and yarn E, cast on 17 sts and work in moss st until height measures same as width. Cast off.

MAKING UP

Using mattress st sew up base seam, then continue up body and snout. Pull up yarn holding loose base sts, tighten and secure ends inside body.

Stuff Rosie through the nose opening, use small pieces to build stuffing up gradually and achieve an even shape.

Neatly take a running st around the area where sts are picked up to work snout, and also where purl sts begin on base of nose, pull up yarn lightly and secure. This will give the face a little more shape. Continue to stuff until you are satisfied with the shape.

Sew nose piece neatly over opening using an over st and yarn A.

Position flower centre.

Stitch neatly in place leaving a gap, place a small amount of stuffing inside before closing gap. Now position petals and stitch in place, stuffing as for centre.

A stuffing fork will help greatly.

Attach the patch in the same way (do not stuff), but add some decorative stitches using yarn C. (See photo)

Make folds in ears (see photo), stitch folds before attaching to the sides of Rosie's head.

Using mattress st, seam both legs.

Neatly oversew sole's of hooves in position.

Stuff legs, leaving the top fairly empty.

Stitch to front of body.

Sew eyes and eyebrows in positions according to photo.

Feed a pipe cleaner into tail.

Attach to Rosie, 2-3cm up from base, opposite nose. Curl.

INTARSIA

The simplest way to do this is to cut short lengths of yarn for each motif or block of colour used in a row. Then joining in the various colours at the appropriate point on the row, link one colour to the next by twisting them around each other where they meet on the wrong side to avoid gaps. All ends can then either be darned along the colour join lines, as each motif is completed

or then can be "knitted-in" to the fabric of the knitting as each colour is worked into the pattern. This is done in much the same way as "weaving-in" yarns when working

the Fairisle technique and does save time darning-in ends. It is essential that the tension is noted for Intarsia as this may vary from the stocking stitch if both are used in the same pattern. ●

Rosie Pig Charts

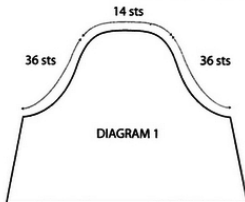


Chart 5 - Flower Petal

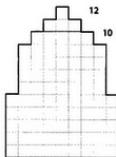


Chart 1 - Nose / H

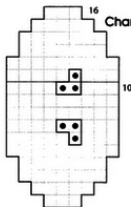


Chart 2 - Left Ear

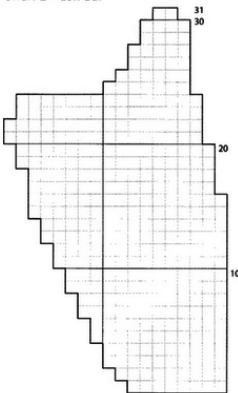
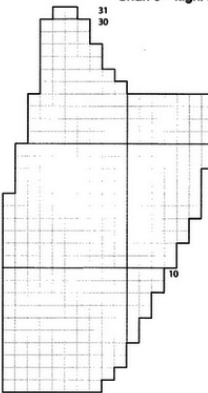
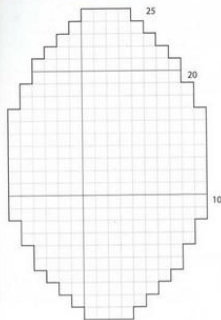


Chart 3 - Right





Elmer the Elephant by Kristen Rengren

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
7in (18cm) high

YARN
Louet Gems Worsted Weight
(100% Merino wool;
175yds [160m] /100g):
2 hanks # 51 Pink panther
Odd scraps of yarn for embroidering eyes

NEEDLES
One pair straight needles size US 4 (3.5mm)
Change needle size if necessary to obtain
correct gauge.

NOTIONS
Crochet hook size US F-5 (3.75mm); stitch
holders; fiberfill for stuffing; embroidery
needle

GAUGE
22 sts and 32 rows = 4in (10cm) in Garter
stitch (knit every row)

NOTES
This pattern is worked at a much tighter
gauge than usually suggested for the yarn
to prevent the stuffing from showing through
the fabric.

The body of the Elephant is worked in
eight pieces. The Body pieces begin with
the hind legs and end with the shoulders
and neck. The Trunk pieces are worked
separately, then joined with the Body.
The Underside is worked from the rear of
the Elephant to the chest. The Face and
Ears are worked last and sewn to the Body
as indicated.

BODY (MAKE 2)
CO 29 sts. Begin Garter st (knit every row).
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2: K1, M1, knit to end—30 sts.
Rows 3-12: Repeat Rows 1 and 2—35 sts
after Row 12.
Rows 13-22: Knit.
Row 23: BO 10 sts for rear leg, knit to last st,
M1, k1—26 sts remain.
Rows 24-26: Knit.
Row 27: K1, k2tog, knit to last st, M1, k1.
Rows 28-30: Knit.
Rows 31-34: Repeat Rows 27-30.
Row 35: Knit to last st, M1, k1—27 sts.
Rows 36-38: Knit.
Rows 39-42: Repeat Rows 35-38—28 sts.
Row 43: CO 12 sts for front leg,
knit to end—40 sts.
Rows 44-64: Knit.
Row 65: BO 15 sts for front leg,
knit to end—25 sts remain.
Row 66: Knit.
Row 67: K1, k2tog, knit to end—24 sts remain.
Rows 68-71: Repeat Rows 66 and 67—22 sts
remain after Row 71.
Rows 72-74: Knit.
Break yarn and transfer 22 sts to st holder.

TRUNK (MAKE 2)
CO 3 sts. Begin Garter st.
Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, k1, M1, k1—5 sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—7 sts.
Row 4: Knit.
Row 5: K1, M1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Rows 6 and 7: Repeat Rows 4 and 5.
Row 8: Repeat Row 4.
Row 9: K1, M1, knit to end, CO 5 sts, work
across Body sts from st holder—35 sts.
Row 10: Knit.
Row 11: K1, M1, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Rows 12-14: Knit.
Row 15: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog,
k1—33 sts remain.
Row 16: Knit.
Rows 17-20: Repeat Rows 15 and 16—29 sts
remain after Row 19.
Row 21: Repeat Row 15—27 sts remain.
Row 22: BO 5 sts, knit to end—22 sts remain.
Row 23: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog,
k1—20 sts remain.
Rows 24-27: Repeat Rows 22 and 23—6 sts
remain after row 27. BO all sts.

UNDERSIDE
CO 38 sts. Begin Garter st.
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Rows 2-21: Knit.
Rows 22 and 23: BO 10 sts at beginning of
row—18 sts remain after Row 23.
Rows 24-26: Knit.
Row 27: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog,
k1—16 sts remain.
Rows 28-30: Knit.
Row 31: Repeat Row 27—14 sts remain.
Rows 32-39: Knit.

Instructions

Rows 40 and 41: CO 12 sts at beginning of row—38 sts after Row 41.

Rows 42-63: Knit. BO all sts.

FACE

CO 2 sts. Begin Garter st.

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, k1-3 sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K1, M1, k1, M1, k1-5 sts.

Row 4: Knit.

Row 5: K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1-7 sts.

Rows 6-8: Knit.

Rows 9-24: Repeat Rows 5-8-15 sts after Row 21. Work even until piece measures 5½" (14cm) from the beginning, ending with a WS row.

Row 1 (RS): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1-13 sts remain.

Rows 2 and 3: Knit.

Rows 4-18: Repeat Rows 1-3-3 sts remain after Row 16.

Row 19: K3tog-1 st remains.

Fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

CO 3 sts. Begin Garter st.

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, k1, M1, k1-5 sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1-7 sts.

Rows 4-9: Repeat Rows 2 and 3-13 sts after Row 9.

Rows 10-12: Knit.

Row 13: K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1-15 sts.

Rows 14-17: Repeat Rows 10-13-17 sts.

Work even until piece measures 3" (7.5cm) from the beginning, ending with a WS row.

Row 1 (RS): BO 3 sts,

knit to end-14 sts remain.

Row 2: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1-13 sts remain.

Row 3: K1, k2tog, knit to end-12 sts remain.

Rows 4-8: Knit.

Row 9: K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1-10 sts remain.

Row 10: Knit.

Rows 11-14: Repeat Rows 9 and 10-6 sts remain after Row 13.

BO all sts.

FINISHING

Block pieces lightly. Sew Underside to legs and tummy of Elephant. Sew Body pieces together along back, up to where Trunk was joined to Body sts. Insert Face in between Trunk pieces at top of back and sew to Trunk pieces, leaving opening at top of head for stuffing, and ending at end of Trunk BO edge. Sew Trunk edges together.

Stuff Elephant firmly and sew closed.

Sew Ears in position (see photo). With scrap yarn, embroider eyes (see photo).

TAIL

Attach six 8" (20.5cm) long strands of yarn to Elephant's backside as for Fringe (see below). Holding strands together in pairs,

braid strands until tail is 1" (2.5cm) less than desired length. Tie overhand knot to secure and trim ends even.

FRINGE

Using number of strands required in pattern, fold in half; with RS of piece facing, insert crochet hook just above edge to receive fringe, from back to front; catch the folded strands of yarn with the hook and pull through work to form a loop, insert ends of yarn through loop and pull to tighten. ●



Zebra by Sarah Keen

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

MEASUREMENT

Zebra measures 9.5in (24cm) in height.

MATERIALS

Any DK yarn:

50g black (A)

50g white (B)

Note: amounts are generous but approximate

A pair of 3.25mm (US3/UK10) needles

Acrylic toy stuffing

Plastic-headed marker pins

TENSION

26 sts x 34 rows measure 4in (10cm) over stocking-st using 3.25mm needles before stuffing

ABBREVIATIONS

See page 83 of the main magazine

HOW TO MAKE ZEBRA BODY (MAKE 2 PIECES)

Begin at lower edge using the thumb and A, cast on 35 sts.

First and next full alt row: P.

Inc row: K10, m1, k15, m1, k10 (37 sts) Join on B and work in stripe carrying loosely up side of work, working the next 4 rows in B and then work 4 rows in A, doing this alternately throughout while shaping as follows:

Inc row: K11, m1, k15, m1, k11 (39 sts).

Next and next 2 full alt rows: P.

Inc row: K12, m1, k15, m1, k12 (41 sts)

Inc row: K13, m1, k15, m1, k13 (43 sts)

Inc row: K14, m1, k15, m1, k14 (45 sts)

Begin with a p row, stocking-st 9 rows.

Row row: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog tbl.
Next row: P.
 Rep last 2 rows 14 more times (15 sts).
 Stocking-st 2 rows straight.
 Cast off in A.

BASE

Using the thumb method and A, cast on 20 sts.
First row: P.
Inc row: K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1.
 Rep first 2 rows 5 more times (32 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 5 rows.
Dec row: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog tbl.
Next row: P.
 Rep last 2 rows 5 more times (20 sts).
 Cast off.

HIND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Beg at hoof using the thumb method and A, cast on 6 sts.
First row: P.
Inc row: (inc) to end.
 Rep first 2 rows once (24 sts).
Next and next 4 foll alt rows: P.
Inc row: (K1, inc) to end (36 sts).
 Garter-st 2 rows.
 Beg with a k row, stocking-st 2 rows.
Dec row: (K2, k2tog) to end (27 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
Dec row: (K1, k2tog) to end (18 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
 Join on B and work in stripe carrying yarn loosely up side of work, working the next 4 rows in B and then work 4 rows in A, doing this alternately throughout whilst shaping as follows:
Dec row: (K2tog) to end (9 sts).
 P 1 row.
Inc row: K1, (m1, k1) to end (17 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
Inc row: K1, (m1, k1) to end (33 sts).
 P 1 row.
 Work 22 rows in stripe, beg with 4 rows B and finishing with 2 rows A.
 Cont in A.
Dec row: (K1, k2tog) to end (22 sts).
 P 1 row.
 Cast off.

FORELEGS (MAKE 2)

Beg at hoof using the thumb method and A, cast on 6 sts.
First row: P.
Inc row: (inc) to end.
 Rep first 2 rows once (24 sts).
 P 1 row.
 Garter-st 2 rows.
 Beg with a k row, stocking-st 2 rows.
Dec row: (K1, k2tog) to end (16 sts).
 Join on B and work in stripe carrying yarn loosely up side of work, working the next 4 rows in B and then work 4 rows in A, doing this alternately throughout whilst shaping as follows:
Dec row: (K2tog) to end (8 sts).

P 1 row.
Inc row: K1, (m1, k1) to end (15 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
Inc row: K3, (m1, k3) to end (19 sts).
 P 1 row.
 Work 28 rows in stripe beg with 4 rows B and finishing with 4 rows B.
 Continue in A.
Dec row: K3, (k2tog) twice, k5, (k2tog) twice, k3 (15 sts).
 P 1 row.
Dec row: K2, (k2tog) twice, k3, (k2tog) twice, k2 (11 sts).
 P 1 row.
 Cast off in A.

HEAD

Beg at back of head using the thumb method and A, cast on 9 sts.
First and next 4 foll alt rows: P.
Inc row: (inc) to end (18 sts).
Inc row: (K1, inc) to end (27 sts).
Inc row: (K2, inc) to end (36 sts).
Inc row: (K3, inc) to end (45 sts).
Inc row: (K4, inc) to end (54 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 5 rows.
 Join on B and work in stripe carrying yarn loosely up side of work, working the next 4 rows in B and then work 4 rows in A, doing this alternately throughout.
 Work 12 rows in stripe.
Continue in stripe and decrease
Dec row: (K4, k2tog) to end (45 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
Dec row: (K3, k2tog) to end (36 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
Dec row: (K2, k2tog) to end (27 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
 Cont in B.
 Stocking-st 6 rows.
Dec row: K3, (k2tog) 4 times, k5, (k2tog) 4 times, k3 (19 sts).
 P 1 row.
 Cast off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Beg at lower edge using the thumb method and B, cast on 10 sts.
 P 1 row.
Inc row: K2, (m1, k2) to end (14 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 2 rows, ending on a k row.
 Change to A.

P 1 row.
Dec row: K2, (k2tog, k2) to end (11 sts).
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
Dec row: (K2tog) twice, k3, (k2tog) twice (7 sts).
Dec row: P1, (p2tog, p1) twice (5 sts).
 Thread yarn through rem sts, pull tight and secure.

MANE

Special abbreviation: loop-st
 Insert RH needle into next st, place first finger of LH behind LH needle and wind yarn round needle and finger twice, then just round needle once. Knit st, pulling 3 loops through. Place these loops on LH needle and knit into the back of them.
 Pull loops sharply down to secure.
 Cont to next st.
 Using A, cast on 12 sts loosely.
First row: K1, (loop-st) to last st, k1.
 K 1 row.
 Rep first row once.
 Cast off.

TAIL

Beg at base using the thumb method and B, cast on 8 sts.
 Beg with a p row, stocking-st 3 rows.
 Join on A and work in stripe carrying yarn loosely up side of work.
 Stocking-st 4 rows A.
 Stocking-st 4 rows B.
 Cont in A.
 Garter-st 7 rows.
 Cast off k-wise.

MAKING UP

Body

Place the two halves of body together matching all edges and join row-ends.
 Stuff body leaving neck and lower edge open.

Base

Pin base to lower edge of body and sew base to body all the way round, adding more stuffing to base if needed.

Hind legs

Gather round cast-on sts of hooves, pull tight and secure. Stuff and join row-ends of each hoof. Join row-ends of legs on right side using mattress-stitch. Stuff legs.
 Place body on a flat surface, pin legs to

Each zebra has its unique stripe pattern – like human fingerprints. Some even have brown stripes. They also greet friends with a unique ‘smile’. Zebras are members of the horse family. They have excellent hearing and eyesight and can run at speeds of up to 35mph (56kph).

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body and sew cast-off sts of legs to body all the way round.

Forelegs

Work as for hind legs leaving gap to add stuffing. With seam at centre of inside, over-sew cast-off sts. Stuff and close gap and sew cast-off sts of forelegs to second black stripe down from neck at each side.

Head

Gather round cast-on sts of head, pull tight then secure. Join row-ends leaving a gap and with seam at centre of underneath, over-sew cast-off sts. Stuff and close gap. Pin head to body adding more stuffing to neck if needed. Stitch head to body by taking a small horizontal st from head, then a small horizontal st from body and do this alternately all the way round.

Ears

Join row-ends of ears and with seams at centre back, sew ears to white stripe on head with ears pointing outwards.

Embroidering the features

To make eyes, tie a knot in 2 lengths of black yarn winding the yarn round 6 times to make each knot (see page 122). Check that the knots are the same size. Tie eyes to white stripe of head with 7 clear knitted sts in between. Run ends into head. Embroider nostrils in black taking 2 long sts. To begin and fasten off invisibly for the embroidery, tie a knot in the end of yarn and take a large st through work coming up to begin embroidery. Allow knot to disappear through knitting and be caught in stuffing. To fasten off, sew a few sts back and forth through work, inserting the needle where the yarn comes out.

Mane

Place mane across head behind ears and sew all edges of mane to head.

Tail

Join row-ends of tail and sew cast-on sts to first white stripe of body at centre back all the way round.

EMBROIDERY

To begin embroidery invisibly, tie a knot in end of the yarn. Take a large stitch through the work, coming up to begin embroidery. Allow the knot to disappear through the knitting and be caught in the stuffing. To fasten off invisibly, sew a few stitches back and forth through the work, inserting the needle where the yarn comes out.

Long stitches

Embroider nostrils.

Eyes

1. Make a loose single slip knot and then wind the yarn around five more times, making a total of six times. (The diagram below shows the yarn being wound three more times.) Pull the knot tight.
2. You now have an oval shaped eye. Make 2 and check that the knots are the same size. Tie eyes to head in position as stated in the instructions. Run ends into head.

